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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
Harald RISTAU : Group: 3723
Serial No.: 10/088,159 :
Filed: March 14, 2002 : Examiner: L. Wilson
For: VACUUM HOLDING DEVICE :
600 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10016
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AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 15, 2002, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (amended) A vacuum holding device (1) with apparatus for producing a
vacuum, wherein

- the vacuum holding device (1) and the apparatus for producing a vacuum are
constructed in two parts and can be detached and connected substantially
gastight by positioning,
wherein the vacuum holding device has:
- a vacuum chamber (5) which is open in the direction of a contact surface (14),

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